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Czechoslovakia

The value of Czechoslovak production is 20 percent lower than that of Poland. The manufacturing program, which is quite varied, includes heavy chemicals, tar distillation products, medicines, cosmetics, soap, candles, mineral pigments, lacquers, pencils, glue, cleaning and polishing agents, detergents, explosives, ammunition, artificial silk, and nitrogen products.

Recently, a widespread conversion has been in progress, aimed at forcing the manufacture of war goods at the expense of other groups of products. The heavy chemicals, explosives, tar distillation, and nitrogen products industries have been assigned larger quotas, while the cosmetic, soap, and detergent factories have been allotted only limited quantities of raw materials.

Although until now Czechoslovakia has had comparatively lively trade relations with the West, such traffic is to be restricted from now on. On the basis of a recently negotiated economic agreement between the USSR and Czechoslovakia, practically all exportable products manufactured in Czechoslovakia will be delivered to the USSR for the next 5 years. On the other hand, the USSR obligates itself to supply those raw materials and technical installations not in existence in Czechoslovakia.

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